forces might be divided , and besides, towards the besieging of Calais, they would allow pay for 7,000 men and set forth 25 men-of-war, provided that he for the siege would find 3,000 horse, 6,000 foot and 6 pieces of ordnance

To these things the Chancellor of France answered that all lindness should be showed to the States, but that the opportunity of peace offered to France, now languishing with long wars, was not only to be accepted of but also of urgent necessity to be catched at.

The States therefore utterly refusing peace, Sir Robert Cecil can proceed no further towards the general peace Nevertheless he replied to the Chancellor, denying that the Qaeen had used any delay, but had with all speed sent into France to treat of peace, and declared that they made the necessity greater than could be believed Moreover he desired them to put the King in mind with what vows he had bound and engaged himself before the Earl of Shrewsbury after the ratification of the league, and before by many letters signed with his own hand. The Queen, said he, hath not at all receded from the conditions of the league, yea, she hath performed more than she was obliged, but the King hath stuck to nothing, and with that he produced the draft of the league He asked also that some course may be taken whereof those great sums formerly lent by the Queen may be repaid , for being now forsaken and left in the lurch, she hath learned too late to provide for her own state more carefully in time to come, and not to confer her benefits on those who so ill deserve them

And so with fair and gentle answers the ambassadors are dismissed, in great discontent

It hath long been accustomed at the sermons at the Spital in the Easter holidays to have a gathering for the redemption of such as are prisoners of the Turk or other heathens, but as there are few of kte years taken by the Turk, and at this present divers poor manners come hither out of Spain where thev have been cruelly racked and endured great misery, it is proposed that a collection shall be made to relieve their present neces-sities and send them home into their counties